

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for constructing an expression library of a first bacterium which potentially contains ~~containing~~ a gene that encodes a product toxic to a second bacterium ~~bacteria~~, comprising the steps of:

(a) isolating genomic DNA from a culture of cells of a first bacterium, wherein said genomic DNA potentially contains a gene that encodes a product toxic to a second bacterium;

(b) partially digesting said genomic DNA to produce genetic inserts, wherein ~~at least one of more~~ of said genetic inserts potentially contains a gene that encodes a product toxic to said second bacterium;

(c) cloning said genetic inserts into a cloning vector;

(d) ligating together, under suitable ligation conditions, said genetic inserts and said cloning vector, to produce ligation products;

(e) transforming said ligation products directly into yeast; and

(f) amplifying said ligation products in said yeast to provide a genomic expression library of said first bacterium in said yeast.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first bacterium is *Bacillus subtilis*.

3. (original) The method of Claim, 1, wherein the second bacterium is *Escherichia coli*.

4. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the genomic DNA is chromosomal DNA.

5. (withdrawn) An expression library constructed according to the method of Claim 1.

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8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said yeast lacks a bait plasmid.